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Kodama, et al.

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DEVICE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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- (X) Amendment in twelve (12) pages. DEA 2/4/03
- (X) Request for Approval of Drawing Changes in one (1) page with corrected Drawing in one (1) page.
- (X) Substitute Abstract in one (1) page.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

GROUP 36000 In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2002, please amend identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As a luminescent material, preferred are a reflecting mirror 4a which reflects blinking of a turn signal, a reflective paint 4b which reflects blinking of a turn signal, an optical fiber which at one end 4c senses light from blinking turn signals and emits light from the other end 4d, and a combination of a means for sensing light from blinking turn signals and a means for emitting light based on the signals sensed by the means for sensing light. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Because the turn signal of a vehicle is generally located near a headlight, the luminescent materials installed on the road surface are required to emit light in the direction of the vehicle waiting to make a left turn upon sensing light going in a diagonal and downward direction from the turn signal. In order to achieve the above, reflecting mirrors 4a used as a

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